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EDITORIAL

WHY THE FIVE-YEAR DEFENSE PROGRAM?

This is an election year and for that reason a bad time to throw the federal bill further out of balance. Yet, Congress is being asked to appropriate money for Navy and Army programs that cannot be completed until from two to five years. This is in contrast to the past practice of making appropriations on an annual basis.

Why would an administration seeking reelection deliberately throw the budget from eight to ten billions out of balance for defense appropriations when by asking for the old method of appropriating the administration could go before the voters with a much better fiscal record?

As we see it, there may be two reasons:

(1) With the Government ready with cold cash on the line for a five year expansion program, shipbuilders and others who will do the work need not hesitate about making the necessary plant expansion. They will know they have definite orders to come on. They need not worry for fear that if they go ahead and expand their plants, the next Congress may not be as liberal in its appropriations or may junk the program, thus leaving them holding the bag on all their capital outlay.

(2) However, the above is not the main factor. . . in our opinion, England is putting up a bold front for the sake of maintaining morale as long as possible. Yet those on the inside feel that the war will be won by Hitler ere October. In that event, the administration fears that there may be:

(a) Loss of interest in and support for big-time defense appropriations;
 (b) Sentiment for "making a deal" with Hitler.

Therefore in the face of likely howls from those already alarmed by the size of the federal deficits, the administration feels that the situation definitely putting the money on the line NOW for a great five-year defense program.

We believe that the public will support the administration on this issue.

THE TOBACCO SITUATION

(From Halifax Gazette)

The Tobacco growers of Virginia, along with those from Georgia and the Carolinas will again decide the question of Crop Control at a referendum, this time however for a period of three years. There seems but little doubt that Control will carry by a substantial majority.

The five-cured tobacco growers realize fully the seriousness of the tobacco situation as it exists today. The war in Europe has practically destroyed our export business with the possible exception of China and that has been curtailed by the war in that country.

One of the largest foreign companies doing business in this country has practically shut down. In fact has a large quantity of tobacco bought last year with money supplied by the United States Government, and now unable to pay to England.

Already the tax on cigarettes has been increased and it is even suggested that we may expect more taxes on them as the defense program goes under way. In some states there is already a state tax and the fifteen cent brands have heretofore been selling for eighteen cents. They will now go to twenty cents per pack of twenty.

It was not until the control of the production of tobacco during the years previous to the outbreak of the war, on account of overproduction, surely there can be no question as to the necessity of so doing. With our export business gone for the present at least, a bumper crop would mean ruin to the growers.

The farmers of Virginia as well as those of Georgia and the Carolinas will meet the situation in a sensible manner and will turn their attention to other crops. Many here in Virginia will not plant their allotment.

"YOU SPELL IT WITH TWO L'S!"
 So new is Wendell Willkie to politics, that many of us didn't even

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from our weakness, our own folly, from WITHIN OURSELVES.

If danger ever reaches us, said Mr. Lincoln:

"It must spring up among us; it cannot come from abroad."

As France was yesterday, we are today. The only difference is one of degrees. France so lost the soil of democracy that it must be a nation of die by suicide.

Ponder well what these words of Lincoln mean to us now.

A mighty foreign Power, perhaps, ultimately to include Europe, Asia and Africa as Mr. Lincoln speculated in at least on the horizon.

Yet even this power cannot destroy the United States, or drink from the Ohio or make a track in the Blue Ridge BY FORCE.

We can ring our shores with such opposition to force from abroad that they will be impotent.

We are still the only possible authors of our own destruction.

If we tolerate and condone disloyalty and treason, extend license to the enemies of liberty, justice and the principles of democracy, we may call for.

Let us take the RIGHT ROAD from the latest American crusade.

Let us totally arm for whatever the future may call for.

Let us destroy the enemies within our gates before they destroy us.

Let us lengthen the span of our life.

America CAN endure, free and with equal rights for all, according to our original conception and dedication.

God keep us true and strong in our true!

ENGLAND'S PRAYER AND OURS

We are still getting by glimpses of what, on the horizon of the future, is a ghastly picture of the failure of democracy to function.

Has Great Britain been much better?

At least there is time for us to learn our lesson and God grant there is still time for the British to learn theirs.

A strangely prayerful note may be found in a recent editorial in the London Times, generally accepted as the quasi-official organ of the British Government. One pregnant paragraph:

"The European house cannot be put in order until we put our own house in order first. The new order cannot be based on the preservation of a privilege, whether privilege be that of a country, or a class, or an individual."

The problem of the new order is social as well as international.

This is going a long, long way for London Times, bulwark of the old established order. One cannot have gone through the mining areas of Wales or the slums of London, Manchester, Liverpool, without acute and ready understanding of the needs of a "new order" if democracy is to prevail after the war on the British Isles.

The "privileged classes" of England have grown to be such an established decadent type that they have been the subject of merry-making the world over, on stage and screen, in song and story. P. G. Wodehouse and other writers of his type owe their tremendous success to the fact that they had to do but very little exaggerating to make their satire vivid.

It would be pleasant if we of the United States could point with pride to the aims that have been England's.

For every wretched hovel in Great Britain is country and in this in this land of wealth and opportunity—just and fresh and at its best—England, instead of being aged and weary from the burdens of tradition as in England.

Our sense of shame should be even greater than that of the older countries, hide-bound by habits, for it was to escape from these conditions that most of our people came to these shores.

It is to be hoped that all this political poppycock about "our frontiers" as the Rhine is over, that what has been revealed by the historical picture of France will act as a sobering influence upon those super-patriots who have been insisting that America's destiny is to save the world.

Our job is to save ourselves. Not by grubbing pinching pennies and counting the cost, not with the idea that out of the mess of other peoples' shall we make a profit, but by giving to our own people equality—political, social, economic, spiritual, democratic.

You cannot have a Christian nation without Christianity and you cannot have a democratic nation

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